

### ALLIES READY TO PROTEST CHANGE

Entente Will Object Vigorously if Republic Agrees that All Armed Ships Are War Craft.

#### TREAT OF BLACKLIST LOOMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Diplomatic negotiations of various character soon will confront the United States as a result of the expected intention of the German and Austrian governments to treat armed merchant ships of the entente allies as war vessels after February 29.

Apparently it is certain, if the temper of the allied governments can be judged by the feelings of their diplomatic representatives here, that any attempt by the United States to change the present rule permitting the use of American ports by merchant ships armed for defensive purposes will be met by a strong protest. Correspondence also is likely to follow if the United States assumes a position which coincides with that of Germany and Austria regarding the right of submarines to sink armed ships without warning.

On the other hand, the United States itself may take the initiative should the entente allies establish a boycott on American ports in the event of this government deciding that armed merchant ships entering American waters are ships at war, therefore subject to internment. U. S. May Take Lead.

The definite attitude of the United States toward the stated intention of Germany and Austria will be determined after the formal texts of the notes which have been handed to Ambassador Gerard and Ambassador Penfield are received from Vienna. When the texts are before officials here it is believed the position of this government quickly will be defined. Only eighteen days remain before German and Austrian submarine commanders will start to put their new instructions into operation.

Call it Unneutral. The view of at least some of the representatives of the entente allies here is that any change made in the rule bearing on submarine warfare during the war would be an unneutral act. The governments are represented as not being prepared to admit that there has been any change in the conditions of naval warfare which would warrant merchant ships armed for defensive purposes being characterized as warships.

In Tontonic quarters, however, it is contended that merchant ships armed for defensive purposes are really armed for resistance and that merchant ships have no right to resist. Moreover, it is claimed by Germany that it is impossible to adhere to the principle of warning merchant ships in accordance with the views of the United States should they be armed; a single shell of small calibre being sufficient to sink any submarine which might attempt to warn such a vessel. It is admitted submarines have a right to stop enemy armed merchantmen.

Contentions Well Forwarded. American officials seem inclined to the view that the contentions of the German and Austrian governments are well founded and from several quarters today came the information that the United States might warn its nationals to remain off merchant ships that are armed. This, it was said in German circles, was precisely what the German and Austrian governments have been aiming to achieve.

The possibility of the entente allies putting into effect a practical boycott of American ports was widely discussed in official circles during the day. It has been intimated that the allies might see fit to permit only a sufficient number of their unarmed ships to enter American ports to take away merchandise and goods consigned to themselves. It was admitted in high official quarters that should such a plan be put into effect action of some kind might have to be taken.

Will Be Rejected. Information obtained from persons in a position to be familiar with the affairs of the entente allies is to the effect that the suggestions of the United States in its recent circular memorandum regarding the disarming of merchantmen will be not answered favorably. It is contended that such suggestions lack regularity and the governments are represented as feeling satisfied that the German powers cannot be confined under the terms of the memorandum to unwarranted attacks upon armed merchantmen. It was insisted in one quarter that the notice of the German and Austrian governments was intended to mask in discrimination and wholesale attacks by submarines.

Information reaching here in press dispatches is to the effect that officials of the German government consider that their move is a diplomatic session of the United States. It was pointed out that this government in controversy over the conduct of submarine warfare has mentioned "unarmed merchant ships." Such a reference first was made in the Lusitania case.

Will Take Some Action. It is said in diplomatic quarters today that should the United States definitely alter its position in favor of the views of Germany and Austria, as embodied in the forthcoming notes, that it will be necessary for the foreign offices to immediately, by conference or negotiations of some kind, form a policy to be followed.

It was intimated that consideration already has been given by the diplomats representing the allies to the feasibility of diverting the major portion of trans-Atlantic commerce of their countries from the North Atlantic ports of the United States to Canadian ports. It has been pointed out, however, that such a move could not well affect vessels carrying cotton and oil from ports in the southern part of the United States.

Certain diplomats of the entente allies also are considering a plan to disarm merchant ships, especially for entry into American waters, with the assistance of naval tenders off the coast or by temporarily landing the armament at some nearby port in Canada or Bermuda, from where it could be picked up again when the ships start on their return voyage to Europe.

**TWO INJURED BY BLAST IN BETHLEHEM PLANT**  
NEW CASTLE, Del., Feb. 12.—Six hundred pounds of powder exploded in a dry house at the Bethlehem plant of the Bethlehem Steel company near here tonight, injuring two workmen and completely wrecking the building. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

## State Clothiers to Meet in Omaha This Week



A. J. Dehner



C. W. Russell



Alfred T. Capps



Wm. L. Holzman



R. E. Wilcox



C. C. Wescott



F. H. Barclay

"There will be information—first hand—on market conditions presented at this convention that no wisesawes clothier can afford to miss." This is a little incidental remark printed in the program of the first annual convention of the Nebraska Retail Clothiers' association, to be held in Omaha at the Fontenelle hotel, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 15 and 16.

This association is just one year old. A year ago a few score of clothiers from various parts of the state met at the Fontenelle and decided they should stop the "tug-of-war" and should pull in the same direction, all together.

To do this it was necessary to form an association. The national secretary, Mr. Wry of Des Moines, was present and helped the local fellows. A lot of good, hard-sense talks were heard from Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont and Hastings clothiers, until all were imbued with the spirit of co-operation.

Officers were then elected and it was decided the association should hold a convention once a year, namely, in February at Omaha. And here they are this week for the first annual meeting.

Fred H. Barclay of Pawnee City is president of the association, C. C. Wescott of Plattsmouth is secretary-treasurer. During the very first year of its existence the association got active in the organization of the Business Men's Outing association, which organization of various commercial associations instituted the big business men's chalet at Carter Lake last summer.

One of the things the association decided to do after last year's organization meeting was to urge the farmers in the various local communities to go into the raising of sheep as a part of their agricultural activity. This was urged as a measure to insure a constant and abundant supply of wool for the manufacture of garments.

Following the address of the president next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, C. E.

Wry of Des Moines, Ia., secretary of the National Association of Retail Clothiers, is to deliver an address.

At noon luncheon is to be taken at the Commercial club rooms, where A. J. Dehner of Lincoln is to preside.

"Tactics and the Present Day Situation" is to be discussed by Alfred T. Capps of Capps & Sons, Jacksonville, Ill. Vern C. Divine of Chicago is to talk on "Advertising a Clothing Store." Every delegate is expected to bring to this session two or three copies of the best ads

he has used in his local papers for the year. They will be taken up and dissected by this expert, Mr. Divine, who will point out the weaknesses and the points of strength in a friendly way, which is expected to be of great help to the delegates.

Charles Hino of Council Bluffs is scheduled for "Ginger Talk" and those who remember his aptly talks of last year will look forward to these little administrations of ginger with considerable interest.

O. N. Magee of Lincoln, N. P. Saxe of Omaha, J. Frank Barr of Omaha, James W. Metcalfe of Omaha, C. W. Russell of Omaha and Fred H. Barclay of Pawnee City are scheduled for talks Wednesday. The annual banquet will be held the evening of Wednesday, February 16, at the Fontenelle hotel. The banquet is tendered by the Manufacturers and Jobbers' association of Omaha. William L. Holzman of Omaha is to be toastmaster at the banquet.

### Three Declare for T. R. for President As He Quits Country

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 12.—Announcement of the candidates of Gratford D. Cushing, Charles Sumner Bird, A. P. Gardner, and Robert M. Washburn, for delegates-at-large to the republican national convention, pledged to support Theodore Roosevelt for the party nomination for president, was made tonight.

Mr. Bird was the progressive candidate for governor in two campaigns and last fall supported the republican candidate, Governor McCall.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt sailed today on the British steamship Oulana for a pleasure trip through the West Indies. The first port the Oulana will stop at is St. Thomas in the Danish West Indies, which will be reached February 17. After visiting the British, French and Dutch colonies, Colonel Roosevelt expects to return to New York, arriving here on March 17.

### Dakota Legislature Completes Its Work

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram)—A session of the legislature adjourned this afternoon after having amended the primary law changing the date from the first Tuesday in June to the fourth Tuesday in May, to allow the selection of national delegates by a vote before the conventions are held. A presidential preference amendment was added.

### Shipped as Oatmeal, Arrives as Whisky

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—Fifty barrels of a commodity which is said to have left El Paso, Tex., as "oat meal" and to have arrived at Garden Canon, Ariz., as whisky, caused the arrest here today of Clarence B. Gaudy of El Paso. He was charged with shipping liquor into dry territory. He waived examination, denying that he had anything to do with the shipment. He will start for El Paso tomorrow.

### RECEPTION TO NEBRASKANS IS HELD AT WASHINGTON

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(Special Telegram)—A reception was held by the Nebraska Association of Washington for the two new members of congress and their wives. Representatives Reavis and Shellenbarger, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peterson, auditor for the treasury.

Following a program of speeches and music the following officers were elected: H. A. Harding, president; F. R. Nelson, vice president; William M. Whelan, treasurer, and Bruce Cleveland, secretary.

### Railroad Officials to Attend Meetings

Two railroad meetings scheduled for next week will be attended by most of the traffic officials in this city. Monday in Chicago will be held a meeting that will be attended by the freight traffic officials. At that time they will take up the question of cleaning and disinfecting live stock cars and formulate plans for complying with the requirements of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Tuesday in Salt Lake City there will be a meeting of the freight and passenger men of the Harriman system.

### NEW REFERENCE BOOK OF NEBRASKA IS OFF PRESS

"The Reference Book of Nebraska and Nebraska," issued by the bureau of publicity, is now off the press.

In this book the advantages of Omaha and Nebraska are set forth in the most concise manner in a brief sketch, while this is supplemented by a number of compact tables of authentic figures of volume of product and output of the farms and factories of the state. There are also twenty splendid cuts showing views of some of the model farms in various parts of the state, pasture scenes with dairy herds lounging in deep-matted grasses, thoroughbred swine fattening on alfalfa and corn and a number of views of the wholesale, retail and manufacturing districts of the metropolis.

### WOODMEN EXECUTIVES WILL COUNT MILLION SECURITIES

Members of the executive council of the Woodmen of the World will count securities amounting to \$25,000,000 and \$1,200,000 cash at their annual meeting now in progress here.

The following officers are in attendance: Sovereign Commander Fraser; Sovereign Clerk Yates; Sovereign Escort Ferrell of Johnston, Pa.; Sovereign Watchman Hedshaw of Little Rock, Ark.; Sovereign Sentry Mills of Jacksonville, Fla.; Sovereign Auditor Flaggstad of Kansas City; Lewis of Kingston, N. C.; Patterson of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Campbell of Fort Huron, Mich.; Rouse of Cleveland, O.; Wells of Murray, Kan.; and Crawford of Birmingham, Ala.

### PLOTTERS CAN'T STRIKE IN CANADA FROM HERE

OTTAWA, Ontario, Feb. 12.—The American government has assured Canada that the United States will not be used as a base by German conspirators for attacks upon Canada, according to a statement made in the Dominion Parliament tonight by J. D. Hazen, minister of naval affairs.

Osborne Not Candidate. LANSING, Mich., Feb. 12.—Former Governor Chase S. Osborne of South Dakota, in a formal statement, today announced that he would not enter the Michigan primary as a candidate for the republican nomination for president.

Liverpool Insures Buildings. LIVERPOOL, Feb. 12.—The municipal finance committee has recommended insuring the city's public buildings to the extent of £1,000,000 against damage by aircraft.

### Charlie Chaplin is Out of Quarantine

Charlie Chaplin has been released from quarantine at 1419 Chicago street. He did not have scarlet fever, nor any other kind of fever except a feverish anxiety to get out into the wide, wide world again. He telephoned the health officer for an inspector to fumigate his clothes. Chaplin happened to be living at an address where a scarlet fever case is being attended.

The man is not the famous movie star; just happens to bear the same name. He was a living motion picture when his clothes were fumigated and he was told he might go thither and yon as he pleased.

### RETAIL GROCERS TO HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET THURSDAY

Retail grocers of Omaha are to hold their annual banquet at the Rome hotel the evening of February 17 at 8:30. President E. E. Wise is to give the address of welcome. Penn P. Podrea is to speak on "Judicious Advertising for the Grocer."

A. B. Warren is to speak on "Wholesale and Retail Credits." C. L. Oliver of the advertising department of The Omaha Bee is to speak on "Modern Business Methods." J. J. Cameron, secretary of the Omaha Retail Grocers' association, is to speak on "The Benefits of Co-Operation and System."

### MISS LOUISE UPDIKE DIES AT HOME OF HER FATHER

Louise Terhune Updike died yesterday morning. She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Updike, 312 Farnham street, sister of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Updike of Long Beach, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Updike, 314 Jackson street, Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Updike, 128 South Thirty-fifth avenue, Omaha, and niece of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Updike, 424 Capitol avenue Omaha, all of whom have been in Omaha during her last illness.

Miss Updike was born at Hopewell, N. J., but has lived in Nebraska nearly all of her life, the last fourteen years at 312 Farnham street, Omaha, with her parents.

The funeral will be private from the residence at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

### Omaha Again Asks President Wilson to Make Us a Visit

President Wilson again has been invited to visit Omaha. Learning that the president contem-

plates another trip in the west the Commercial club at once wired Commissioner Manley of the club, who is at Washington, and had him look after the matter of getting a new invitation to the president. The invitation was extended through Senator Hitchcock and several business men who are at Washington now attending the convention of the National Chamber of Commerce.

## Spring Fashions in Coal

You choose your clothing for spring to meet the demands of the weather. Coal—like clothing—is adaptable to weather conditions and should be selected with discrimination. For the next two months you won't require mid-winter volume of heat. Some days you won't need heat at all. Why not suit your fuel to the season?

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(This is Talk No. 16 of a Series on "The True Story of Real Estate.") An Opportunity Era in Real Estate In last week's talk we spoke of the flood of gold coming into this country from Europe. We predicted that this would make money so plentiful that its purchasing power would diminish and the prices of commodities would rise. In short, that we are on the eve of an era of "cheap" money. We concluded with the earnest advice to buy Real Estate before this period of high prices sets in. Since the publication of last week's talk, financial authorities in various parts of the country have more than borne out our contention in statements they have made. So conservative a journal as "Commerce and Finance," of New York City, carried an article stating that: "Because of its disuse in Europe and its superabundance in the United States, the purchasing power of gold itself will be diminished and prices will advance." Professor Taussig of Harvard University, a great authority on economic subjects, is quoted as saying: "Double the quantity of money in the country, and other things being equal, prices will be twice as high as before." The article draws the conclusion that "the present conditions justify the expectation of an extraordinary advance in the prices of Property in the near future." Which certainly bears out our contention of last week, "Buy Real Estate now, before prices go up." Here a word of warning must be added. We should be the last persons to indulge in boom-talk. Nothing is to be more avoided than a mushroom growth in Real Estate values. Avoid the loose talk of those whose only argument is that you can buy ANY piece of real estate and make a big profit in a short time. In buying property, especially at this time, stick to tangible values, as evidenced by earning powers of the property, and the direction of the best development. There are certain down-town properties which today are held far below their intrinsic value. These will be sold and re-sold until they reach their proper level of value, and, therefore, these offer particularly good opportunities for investment at this time. You say, "How am I to know what will be a productive real estate investment? Before buying, it is always wise to get the matured judgment of one of Omaha's established real estate men." (Signed) E. R. BENSON, C. F. HARRISON, G. G. WALLACE, Committee.

A GUARDIAN OF HEALTH In order to promote and maintain health special attention must be paid to the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. They must be kept strong and vigorous and should perform their duties with regularity. When weakness is manifested, remember, HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS is Nature's "First Aid" Try a Bottle for POOR APPETITE HEARTBURN INDIGESTION CONSTIPATION BILIOUSNESS COLDS & GRIPPE HEALTH